

Mainely Richmond

Nomination Papers Available March 21



Municipal Office openings:

- 1 Selectmen, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor 3 Year Term
- 3 Budget Committee Members 3 Year Term
- 1 Richmond Utilities District Member 3 Year Term
- 1 RSU #2 School Committee Member 3 Year Term

Board and Committee openings:

- Appeals Board 4 regular and 2 alternate members
- Community Development Revolving Loan Fund 2 regular and 2 alternate members
- Library Board Trustee 1 regular member
- New Mills Dam Committee 3 regular members and 2 alternate members
- Planning Board 1 regular member and 1 alternate member

A Message from the Town Manager

Budget season is upon us and with Town Meeting just three months away, the staff, Budget Committee, and Board of Selectmen have begun the task of deliberating and vetting requests to bring before the citizens of Richmond. The season begins with the Town Manager submitting a proposed budget to the Budget Committee for review. The Budget Committee meets every two weeks on Wednesday night from 6-8:30p.m. with the Town Manager and various department heads to pose questions and receive feedback on the proposal. The Budget Committee will also bring forth thoughts, ideas, and other considerations in regard to specific departments. Once the Budget Committee has completed its review of the Manager’s proposed budget, a recommendation on each article of the budget is submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen will review the Manager’s proposed budget and the recommendations from the Budget Committee and submit what they deem to be in the best interest of the taxpayers and citizens at the Annual Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen’s proposed budget may or may not be the same as the Manager’s or Budget Committee. It is the responsibility of the voters to decide on the final budget. Prior to Town Meeting, there will be an informational hearing to notify voters of the proposed warrant and upcoming articles.

If anyone has any questions regarding the budget process or town meeting, do not hesitate to stop by the office. As stewards of the Town, it is our responsibility to leave no question unanswered. I look forward to seeing everyone on June 7, 2016 at the annual Town Meeting.

March 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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April 2016						
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Community Events:

Enterprise Grange #48, Alexander Reed Road

Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, March 19, 2016

5:30p.m., \$8.00, call 737-2611

Enterprise Grange #48, Alexander Reed Road

Public Easter Breakfast, Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 27, 2016

7-10a.m., \$5.00, kids 3 under free.

Enterprise Grange #48, Alexander Reed Road

Art on the Kennebec/Art in Schools Month

Saturday & Sunday, April 2 & 3, 2016

Free coffee all day!

Enterprise Grange #48, Alexander Reed Road

Fossell Preservation Partners, Restoration update on the Hathorn Block.

Sunday, April 10, 2016, 3p.m.

Enterprise Grange #48, Alexander Reed Road

Community Citizen Awards to Tracy Tuttle & Dresden

Sunday, April 17, 2016, 3p.m.

Enterprise Grange Contact #737-2611

www.grange.org/enterpriseme48

Town Dates & Reminders:

- 3/2 Selectmen Meeting, 5p.m.
- 3/5 Sagadahoc Republican Caucus at Bowdoin Central School, 11a.m.
- 3/6 Sagadahoc Democratic Caucus at Marcia Buker School, 1p.m.
- 3/8 Comprehensive Plan, 6p.m.
- 3/16 Selectmen Meeting, 5p.m.
- 3/19 Sagadahoc Green Independent Caucus at Richmond Town Office, 1p.m.
- 3/21 Nomination papers available for Municipal Offices.
- 3/22 Planning Board, 6p.m.
- 3/30 Selectmen Meeting, 5p.m.
- 4/12 Comprehensive Plan, 6p.m.
- 4/13 Selectmen Meeting, 5p.m.
- 4/18 Town Office Closed, Patriot's Day
- 4/26 Planning Board, 6p.m.
- 4/27 Selectmen Meeting, 5p.m.
- 4/28 Nomination papers for Municipal Officers due back at town office.

This community calendar will be a regular feature of our newsletter. Please submit your events for consideration by the following deadlines: 4/21/16, 6/23/16, 8/25/16, 10/20/16, 12/22/16.

Code Enforcement Update: James Valley

The Town of Richmond is now requiring permits for window replacement, roofing replacement and a new demolition permit which includes an asbestos building demolition notification. The asbestos building demolition notification is a requirement of the State. The reason for the new permits is to make sure proper installation practices are being followed. If a roof or window is not installed properly it could cause major water damage to the framing and interior of your home. It doesn't take much water penetration into your home to start the buildup of moisture that could lead to mold growth.

Any questions, please contact my office.

Name	Address	Map/Lot	Description
Keith Ladner	43 Hatch Street Lot 32	R01-043-00	14' by 76' Mobile Home
Katelyn Lavallo	5 Myrtle Street	U02-049-00	Window Replacement (4)
David Thompson	690 Alexander Reed Road	R05-025-06	8' by 20' Storage Building
Gary Poulin	97 Parks Road	R02-067-A	26' by 40' Gun Shop & 8' by 12' Dugout
Jeremy Purington	58 Main Street	U02-124-00	Entrance Door with 5' by 5' Platform with Stairs
Daria Goggins	58 Savage Road	R05-044-01	24' by 36' Barn
Gary Nash	42 Water Street	U01-015-00	Demolition
Stacy Densmore	262 Main Street	R01-008-00	1176 sqft renovation to existing home
Frank Gleason	326 Alexander Reed Road	R05-055-02	24' by 24' Garage

Richmond Recreation Updates

Richmond Recreation would like to thank you for your support and if you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact us.

UPCOMING

Basketball: Richmond Rec is excited to be hosting our FIRST 3vs3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT March 12th & 13th. please access Facebook page to view details or contact Nicole at nbriand.rrc@gmail.com.

Softball/Baseball: We will be offering FREE Baseball and softball clinics for children 9-12 years old located at the Richmond High school gym every* Wednesday (baseball) and Thursday (softball) for the month of March from 6-7:30pm (*except the second week in March).

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

- 3/02/2016 Youth Baseball clinics begin (high school gym)
- 3/03/2016 Youth Softball clinics begin (high school gym)
- 3/08/2016 Coaches Clinic in Vassalboro (please contact Ryan Shea for more information 689-1511)
- 3/10/2016 Soccer Workgroup Meeting at 6:30pm at Town Office
- 3/12/2016 3vs3 Tournament Richmond High School Gym
- 3/13/2016 3vs3 Tournament Richmond High school Gym
- 3/19/2016 Youth Skills Assessment - for children who would like to move up a level, from Rookie to Minor OR Minor to Major
- 3/23/2016 Baseball, Softball, T-ball Coaches Meeting
- 4/11/2016 Coaches First Aid Training (ALL SPORTS), please pre-register with Nicole at nbriand.rrc@gmail.com
- 5/7/2016 Baseball, Softball, T-ball TEAM Pictures

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Senior Notes for Senior Folks

Our Center participation is ever increasing; for example, here are the numbers of people who have utilized the Center for the last 6 months. People telephone for information, drop in for help, information or socialization. And of course we have our games.

Days of Week	#s (6 months)
Monday	369
Tuesday	333
Wednesday	496
Saturday Night Suppers	205

We now have cribbage every Monday, bridge every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Bingo every Tuesday, and Wednesday is the official "Game Day."

We have established a few fundraisers. Saturday Night Suppers, always the 3rd Saturday night of each month, and Breakfasts, held the first Monday of every month, are very successful. We could not do our meals without the help of Sue and John Campbell. You two are awesome!!

In 2015, the Senior Center hosted the first "Senior Summit," inviting area Senior Directors and Boards to share their successes, concerns and programs for the seniors in their area. It was attended by representatives from Bowdoinham, Gardiner, Richmond, Chelsea and Wiscasset. Our second Summit was hosted by Wiscasset on February 4th 2016. We enjoyed the input of 14 people from Litchfield, Richmond, Gardiner, Wiscasset, Bowdoinham, Chelsea. I feel the information and ideas shared have been terrific and we are all excited to keep meeting every two or three months. The next "Senior Summit" will be hosted by Litchfield on April 13th. I am looking forward to some great work.

Our newest project..... It has come to my attention that several seniors in the area are without smoke and car-

bon monoxide detectors. This concern has brought about a new fundraising initiative for Richmond Seniors. The "**Senior Citizen Assistance Fund**" is a fund where local people can donate to the fund through an account set up at K&G Hardware. I believe if the townspeople know the need they will donate.

Spring brings lots of fun activities. We have a tour planned for WABK radio station, crochet & quilt classes, crafty projects, a trip to the Theater Project in Brunswick, and movie night, where we show the Richmond Players Show (last Monday night of each month). We also have an exciting trip planned in June to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard, see below. We'll have lots of fun and exploration from Hyannis, JFK's home, to the Vineyard, and ending with a tour through Sturbridge Village. Call the Center for more information.

I am very open to new ideas or information concerning the seniors of Richmond. We can only help when we are aware of the problem.

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4 DAYS 3 NIGHTS

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

(Mon - Thu)

June

20 - 23, 2016

Departure: Richmond Senior Center, 314 Front St, Richmond, ME @ 8 am

Day 1: Board your spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off for beautiful Cape Cod! Later, you will take a visit to Plymouth, MA - "America's Hometown!" See the famous "Plymouth Rock." This evening you will have Dinner and check into your Cape Cod area accommodations.

Day 2: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast and embark on your Guided Tour of Hyannis and Sandwich. Start off with a visit to the lovely Village of Hyannis where you'll stop at the JFK Museum - an exhibit designed to open a window on the days JFK spent on Cape Cod. Next, you'll visit the John F. Kennedy Memorial in Hyannis. Lastly, you'll head to the quaint and historic village of Sandwich. Tonight, end your day with a relaxing Dinner.

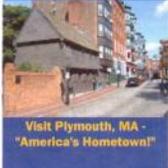
Day 3: After a Continental Breakfast take a ferry ride to the famous getaway island - Martha's Vineyard. Enjoy free time to soak up the charm of this lovely island with its unique shops, quaint restaurants, and historical sites. Later this afternoon, you'll depart Martha's Vineyard and enjoy Dinner at a local restaurant.

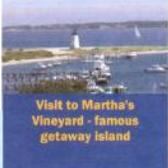
Day 4: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will visit Old Sturbridge Village, an 1830s New England Living History Museum. The early 19th-century rural Village, features costumed historians, antique buildings, water-powered mills, and a working farm. Later, you will depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

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Comprehensive Plan Update

Introduction

The Richmond Comprehensive Plan Update (in draft format) was prepared by a local Comprehensive Plan Committee and is an update of a Plan adopted in 1991. The Committee has met monthly since 2013, and has gathered state and local data and input from local residents through workshops, surveys and public meetings. The Comprehensive Plan is a guide for managing change within the community over the next ten to fifteen years. It provides a set of recommendations to help guide decisions in the topics below. The Comprehensive Plan is *not* a set of regulations or ordinances but is intended to provide guidance. Any regulation or ordinance changes must be voted on by residents at future Town Meetings.

Your opportunities to weigh in on the Final Draft and the Plan adoption timeline:

- April 21: Copies of the Final Draft will be made available for public review at the Town Office until the first public hearing.
- May 24: 1st Public Hearing, Town Meeting Information Night, (Place and Time/TBD)
- June 1: 2nd Public Hearing, (Place and Time/TBD)
- June 7: Town Meeting, Final Draft will be discussed
- June 14: Election Day: Comp Plan will be on the ballot.

Topic Summaries

Historic and Archaeological Resources

Richmond was a notable shipbuilding community in the mid-19th century and ice-cutting community later in that century. It was also the center of the largest Slavic speaking settlement in the U.S. at one time. A significant area of Richmond Village is designated as a National Register Historic District, and within the District there is a large collection of architecturally and historically significant structures.

Natural Resources

Richmond is made up of eight watersheds, all of which drain into the Kennebec River. The State has classified the Kennebec as an "Outstanding River" and the Kennebec Estuary as a "Focus Area of Statewide Ecological Significance." Pleasant Pond and farmland soils are also important natural resources in Richmond.

Population & Demographics

The population of Richmond (3,400 as of the 2010 Census) has increased slightly in the last decade but not uniformly among age groups. Our population is aging while the numbers of school-age children have declined. The average household size is decreasing and the number of single-family households is increasing.

Economy

Richmond is a bedroom community to the larger employment centers. Of the approximately 1,750 employed persons living in Richmond, only about 6% of them work in town. At the same time, Richmond is a smaller-scale service and employment center for neighboring communities. Richmond's largest industry sectors are currently Construction, Transportation and Warehousing.

Housing

Richmond, like surrounding communities, is primarily a home-ownership town. About one-quarter of the housing units in Richmond is rental housing. Owner housing is more affordable as compared to the County and the State, but rental housing is less affordable than the County as a whole. Single-person households and households with persons over the age of 65 are expected to increase over the next decade.

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Comprehensive Plan Update, Cont.

Recreation

Richmond has a very active Recreation Committee, Summer Recreation program, parks and natural resource amenities. The Waterfront Park, Swan Island and Pleasant Pond offer exceptional recreational opportunities.

Transportation

Richmond is reliant on its road network as the primary means of transportation. The Town has approximately 69 miles of public roads and 40 miles of local roads. The Town has been very focused on providing "safe routes to school" by maintaining and upgrading its sidewalk network and providing other pedestrian amenities.

Public Facilities & Services

Richmond is served by the Police Department, Fire Department, shared ambulance service, Public Works Department, a solid waste transfer station, a library, an independent school system and Utilities District, and numerous recreation facilities and parks.

Fiscal Capacity

Municipal budgets have remained stable with minor increases in recent years. The Town has two Tax Increment Finance (TIF) districts. In the past, the town has budgeted for capital improvements through grants and reserve accounts. The town is currently drafting a Capital Improvement Plan to finance many public facility improvements that will allow for future growth, while continuing to seek grants and utilize TIF funds for key projects.

Existing Land Use

Richmond's location on the Kennebec River and upriver from the shipbuilding port of Bath led to a traditional village center along the river. This traditional development pattern existed until the late 1970s, when manufacturing began to diminish and the demand for more suburban housing led to more development in the rural areas of town. The Comprehensive Plan enacted by the Town in 1991 sought to encourage development into identified residential and commercial areas so as to preserve agricultural and natural resources. This current Plan update makes recommendations to strengthen those goals.

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Mark your calendar for Richmond Luau Days

July 2016
22 & 23

Summer seems far away but it's not too early to mark your calendars for July 22 and 23 for Richmond Hawaiian Luau Days! This year's festivities will include fire performers, hula dancers, an outdoor movie and a pig roast! We will also host the usual favorites-parade, lobster crate races, inflatables and our spectacular fireworks!

If you have an idea for an activity or would like to support the event in some way, please contact Victoria at 737-4305 x 331 or Laurisa at x 208.



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